



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: E. Marlowe Goble
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Filing Date: 10/03/2001
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONSTRUCTING
A LIGAMENT

Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Javier G. Blanco
Attorney's Docket No.: GOBLE-1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed January 7, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from February 7, 2003 to April 7, 2003.

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In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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